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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As I have already said it will largely depend on the settlement of the headquarters of the University."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"Is it the intention of the Government to open the classes only if the headquarters is fixed at Anantapur or to open them only if the headquarters is not fixed at Anantapur?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As I have said it will depend largely upon the settlement of the question of the headquarters."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know why it depends on the question of the settlement of the headquarters?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"For the simple reason that the whole question of higer education in the Andhradesa will depend upon the shape the University will take."

Action taken on the resolution regarding exemption of poor girls from payment of school fees.

* 425 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, with reference to the resolution passed in the Council on 5th November 1927 regarding the exemption of poor girls from payment of school fees—

(a) whether he has taken any steps to give effect to that resolution; and

(b) if not, whether he will take immediate steps thereon?

A.—The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to furnish a detailed estimate of the extra cost to Government if effect is given to the resolution.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—"It is stated here, 'if effect is given to the resolution, etc.'; may I know whether the hon. Minister entertains a doubt about giving effect to the resolution of this Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No, Sir, the question of the ultimate cost is being considered."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know when the Director of Public Instruction was asked to give his report?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"As soon as the resolution was passed. This is a matter of collecting figures and naturally some time has to be taken."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if the Director of Public Instruction was not consulted when the notice was with the Government and before the resolution was discussed in the Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Government did not think that that step was necessary."

Introduction of the scout movement in elementary schools.

* 426 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals from the President, Nuzvid Taluk Board, and other local boards for introducing the scout and cub movement;

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(b) if so, what are the orders of Government thereon ; and

(c) whether they would apply any definite policy ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Orders have been passed in accordance with the general policy referred to in the answer to clause (c).

(c) Taluk boards are permitted to debit to the Elementary Education Fund expenditure on scouting with the previous approval of Government. In dealing with applications from taluk boards for permission to incur such expenditure, items such as purchase of books on scouting, travelling allowance of teachers deputed for training as scout masters or cub masters, cost of scout camps and non-recurring contributions to scout associations are approved. Expenditure on the employment of separate scout instructors for elementary schools is not, however, allowed.

Orphanages

Grants to orphanages in this Presidency.

*427 Q.—Mr. K Uppi Sahib : Will the hon. the Minister for Education ard Local Self-Government be pleased to place the information in the possession of Government regarding

(a) the number and names of orphanages in the Presidency ;

(b) the community to which each belongs, Hindu, Muslim, Indian Christian, Anglo-Indian and European ;

(c) the number of orphans and destitutes in each of them from 1924–1928 year-war ;

(d) the Government aid given to each of them ;

(e) the rate per head ;

(f) and to state what the principle of giving grants to the orphanages is ; and

(g) what the rate of grant per head of Indian orphans, and Anglo-Indian and European orphans is ?

A.—(a) to (d) A statement [a] showing the names of the orphanages with the number of children in each orphanage for whom boarding grants were distributed in 1926–27 is placed on the table. No further information is available with Government.

(e) to (g) The rates of boarding grant for *European* schools are Rs. 15 a month in the Madras City and Rs. 12 a month in the mufassal for a child.

No rates have been laid down by Government in the case of grants to *Indian* orphanages. The usual procedure is to distribute the budget provision available each year *pro rata* among the eligible children, subject to a maximum of half the net cost to the management. The grant paid in 1926–27 worked out to Rs. 8-9-2 per head for a year.

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